

AGENCY AND STAKEHOLDER MEETING REGARDING ALLENCO ENERGY SITE IN UNIVERSITY PARK

NOTES FROM August 5, 2020

Meeting attendees included representatives from the following: CalGEM; City of Los Angeles (City Attorney; Petroleum Administrator; Fire; Planning); County of Los Angeles (DPH; Fire Health Hazardous Materials Division; DMH); SCAQMD; Department of Conservation; CalEPA; CARB; Esperanza Community Housing; Mount Saint Mary's University; Office of Senator Feinstein.

A summary of agency and stakeholder updates and discussion follows.

CalGEM

Field inspections occurred on 6/10, 6/18, 6/25, and 7/1. No field inspections have been allowed since then because of COVID-19. During the inspection on 6/18 a leak was detected with a FLIR camera on a well head. It was repaired immediately and confirmed repaired by CalGEM engineers.

On 6/18 CalGEM engineers also noticed a work over rig. AllenCo representative indicated that they were removing hydraulic pumps and production rods from 6 wells. No permit was required, and the work was completed by 7/1.

CalGEM is working on a website update. No update on the hearing date. Chris McCullough retired and CalGEM is welcoming their new District Director, Baldev Gill.

Community representatives stated they had communicated with CalGEM leadership but still want to explore the possibility of community testimony at the hearing.

City Attorney's Office, Los Angeles

Office filed new criminal charges (25 counts) against Mr. Parker and Mr. Allen. The charges are for failing to comply with CalGEM Order, non-operating wells (per LAMC and Fire Code, wells can only be non-operational for 1 year/need to be properly abandoned or made operational again), and signage. Arraignment is set for 10/20/2020.

Community requested updates on the arraignment and to provide testimony if helpful. City Attorney's Office investigator may reach out to collect information for possible witnesses.

LA County Fire, HHMD

Routine hazardous waste inspection was conducted on 7/22/2020. 1 NOV was issued for a trench area that had accumulated soot, rainwater, and hydraulic oil. The operator has indicated that the violation was resolved, and a reinspection will be scheduled soon.

SCAQMD

An odor was reported on 7/28 but inspector could not detect the odor and no operations were visible on site.

On 6/19 inspectors confirmed that the leak reported by CalGEM on 6/18 was repaired.

On 6/5 a leak of 2125 ppm was detected and a Notice To Comply (NTC) was issued on 6/12.

As for information requested by community, the leaks on 3/6 that resulted in a NTC had the following concentrations: 2,000 ppm; 9,000 ppm; 2,000 ppm; and 15,000 ppm.

AQMD is planning modifications to the air monitoring and will report more at the next meeting.

Community representative reiterated that community would like to be involved in the process, believes that 24/7 monitoring is appropriate, and believes remote triggered sampling in response to odor reports to be a good idea. Mount St. Mary's University also affirmed their support for the community and willingness to make their property available to host monitoring.

Other issues raised by stakeholders:

- A report from LA City Fire (CUPA) related to the ambient methane levels detected on 5/7. Chief Hayden to follow up with CUPA.
- Request to resume monthly meetings
- Request to connect with LA City Planning

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 2, 2020 at 9:30-11:00 AM.